Entry of multinational in the country

*57. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formula ted a new policy to permit the easy entry of multinationals in the country in order to take benefit of new technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Foreign direct investment is welcome so as to acceletate the tempo of development, upgrade technologies and to promote exports. Government intend to remove obstacles that come in the way of allowing foreign investment on sizeable scale With this end in view, Government are considering a number of measures. They will be announced as soon as they are finalised.

Rise in Prices of Palm Oil

@*58. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled "Indonesia ready for palm oil cooperation" appearing in Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 11th June, 1991, stating that Indonesia, the second biggest producer of palm oil, is planning to cooperate with Malay-asia, the number one producer in the International Marketing of palm oil to realise better prices for palm oil growers in Indonesia and Malayasia, particularly to ensure that international palm oil prices remained above that of soya bean oil prices;

@ Previously Starred Question No. 18, transferred from 12th July, 1991.

(b) whether Government made any study on the likely impact of such a cartel am ongst the major exporting countries:

(c) whether Government propose to consider Market Intervention Agency, such as NDDB to contract supplies on the pattern of inter-cooperative coordination to thwart edible oil producer cartel's efforts to jack up prices; and

(d) if not, what contingency measures are being planned to overcome the cartel's efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indonesia's share of World exports of Palm Oil is around 10 per cent. The response of Malaysia to the Indonesian proposals is not known. Market forces are still likely to continue to determine prices, based on overall global supply and demand of not only Palm Oil but also other edible oils like Soyabean Oil, Rape-seed Oil, etc. Government are keeping a close watch on the developments for taking appropriate steps to ensure efficient and economic import procurement as and when necessary.

मानव अंगों का व्यापार

*59. डा० अरार अहमद : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 7 जनवरी, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1212 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मानव अंगों के व्यापार को विनियमित करने के लिए व्यापक विधेयक संसद में कब तक लाये जाने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि संसद के वर्तमान सत्र में उक्त विधेयक लाये जाने का कोई विचार नहीं है, तो इसमें विलंब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) मानव अंगों के अवैध व्यापार में अन्तर्ग्रस्त कितने व्यक्तियों को अब तक पकड़ा गया है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री एम०एल० फोतेदार): (क) और (ख) एक प्रतिष्ठित विधिवेत्ता डा० एल०एम० सिंघवी की अध्यक्षता में गठित की गई समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर पुनः एक व्यापक कानून बनाया जा रहा है जिसके अन्तर्गत शवों और जीवित व्यक्तियों के अंगों को निकालने और मानव अंगों के व्यापार पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने संबंधी प्रक्रिया को विनियमित किया जाएगा। इस विधेयक को आने वाले सत्र में संबंधित संवैधानिक क्रिया-विधियों का पालन कर के पुरस्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

कानून बनाने के प्रस्ताव में यह परिवर्तन लाना अभिप्रेत है कि 'मृत्यु' को हृद् श्वसनीय प्रक्रिया के फेल होने की मौजूदा संकल्पना के बजाय "ब्रेन-स्टेम-मृत्यु" माना जाए। प्रस्तावित कानून में अत्यधिक पेचीदा और संवेदन-शील विषय शामिल है जिसमें चिकित्सीय, कानूनी और नैतिक मुद्दे हैं जिन पर इस कानून को अंतिम रूप देने से पूर्व अधिक सावधानी-पूर्वक विचार किए जाने की आवश्यकता है।

(ग) इस कानून का उल्लंघन करने पर कार्रवाई करने का प्रश्न तभी उठेगा जब संबंधित कानून अधिनियम का रूप धारण कर लेगा।

Consequences *ot* devaluation of Rupee

*60. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the increase in our foreign debt liability as a consequence of devaluation;

(b) whether it is a fact that several of our export agreements are contracted on Rupee basis while all import agreements are bated on major international currencies;

(c) what was the foreign exchange rste against rupee in 1981-82 for recently up-valued currencies; and

(d) what is the yearly interest charge on foreign debts and what is the quantum of repayment this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Foreign debt liability is fixed mainly in foreign currency and is not directly affected by changes in exchangd rate. However in rupee terms, the external liability would increase by about 21 to 23 per cent as a result of the exchange rate adjustments on first and 3rd July 1991, depending upon the currency in which the borrowing is denominated.

(b) Generally exports and imports to General Currency Area (GCA) countries are contracted in convertible foreign cur rencies, while they are contracted in rupees in respect of countries in Rupee Payment Area(RPA).

(c) The average exchange rate of rupee in 1981-82 against recently upvalued currencies i.e. Dollar, Pound Sterling, Deutsche Mark, Japanese Yen and French Frank was Rs. 8.97, Rs. 17.11, Rs. 3.86, Rs. 0.039 and R's. 1.57 per unit of these currencies respectively,

(d) The interest charge on foreign debts is Rs. .2259 crores in 1987-88, Rs. .2737 crores in 1988-89, Rs. .3576 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. .4069 crores in 1990-91. The quantum of repayment (amortisation) this year is estimated to be about Rs. 7100 crores after the exchange rate adjustments on 3rd July, 1991.

Adult Education Institution in Arunachal Pradesh

106. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of Central Government institutions engaged in the adult education scheme at present in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of financial and other assistance being provided to them every year;